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The Rev. Charles F. Rinck, Jr., pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Son Point, N. J. (left), was presented with a Distinguished Service Award the New Jersey Junior Chamber of Commerce at a ceremony in New Shown with him are his wife, and Gov. and Mrs. Robert B. Meyner of N Jersey, who were among the honored guests.

Pastor Rinck was one of four young men who received mounted bro plaques for outstanding contributions in the fields of religion, science medicine, government, and business and industry. An active worker the welfare of young people, the Lutheran minister has done much to com juvenile delinquency in his southern New Jersey area.

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ıster and a Tree

EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

n the ages primeval a great tree pled and fell, to straddle a deep l-gorge in what is now known as state of Arizona. To all appear- es it was a failure, cumbering the und. Yet God had not forgotten left it without purpose. In his n working it was gradually trans- ned into a beautiful tree of solid te, of value in forming a natural lge across the deep gorge. One the wonders of Arizona, it has n viewed with awe, and many e used it to cross over the chasm. of seeming failure, God wrought nasterpiece in nature.

t this season our thoughts go out another "masterpiece" of his di- power, for what can compare h the resurrection of the Lord ıs Christ? Over nineteen hundred rs ago, he was crucified, cut down agony at Calvary. To human eyes indeed must have appeared a fail- and the work he sought to ac- plish a thing of hopelessness. The y last view for many was the sight a dead man, limp and silent on a ss.

One can understand the sentiment an ancient Roman who became erested in Christianity, setting h to undertake serious examin- on of its claims. He came to the clusion that it was worth nothing, ailed religion. "It will never suc- ceed," said he, "for it is founded upon a catastrophe, upon the death of its own leader; it cannot stand." He and countless others would be quite right if the great story ended at the cross and a sealed tomb. If that were "the end" it certainly would be the end indeed for *all* the hope of humanity, for the Scriptures declare, "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

But here is the wonder of God's great working. The good news really begins where all the tales of men must end; it begins with this death (this *seeming* failure), and goes straight ahead to reveal its triumph in resurrection! The "first view" of this same Jesus to one who has experienced repentance and faith is that of an empty tomb and the Occupant forever raised, with death forever put away. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore," is the cry of his great triumph.

opies of this writing can be obtained in t form from the American Tract Society, W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y.

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Two views of the Lord Jesus Christ, then, and Easter stands between as a decisive "hinge." It is not merely a day of light religious sentiment, but an occasion of honest heart-searching. On the one side (the human angle) is a dead man hanging on a tree, seemingly an object of stricken failure. On the other side, only to be comprehended by faith in the Word of God, is the man Christ Jesus, raised by the glory of the Father, with the power of God as the certainity of an accomplished salvation. All the issues of eternal import to the welfare of your soul depend upon which side you are resting.

"For there is hope of a tree, i be cut down, that it will spr again" (Job 14:7), and that is y one hope. "Now is Christ risen fr the dead" and that "now" is the derscoring of, "Now is the accep time; behold, now is the day of vation." He, in death and in res rection is thereby proved to be bridge of perfect passage over deep gorge of sin and condemnati so that by personal participation y may cross over into the sunshine new days with the living Christ u the heavenly home at the end of present journey.

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Help Wanted!

An appeal for help comes from the Rev. James G. Amos, pastor of Frederick Luthe Church (established in 1666), St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, U. S. A. Pastor Amos says:

"About a year and a half ago we organized a Boy Scout troop now sponsored by Lutheran congregation in St. Thomas. At present we have 50 Scouts in the troop, all of wh are Negro boys with the exception of two white boys. Because of the very low incomes of people of the Virgin Islands (natives) it has been very difficult for us to purchase the necess equipment and other materials needed for a good Scouting program. We have tried a num of projects, but none of them was adequate. Most of our Boy Scout parents have very sm incomes and find it impossible to help their boys.

"It is because I know what a good Scouting program will do for the boys of the Vir Islands that I am asking you to assist us; that is, if this is your policy."

(This letter was originally sent to the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society, wh "does not give any benevolence contributions direct to Boy Scout troops in individual churche

"Last summer we sponsored the first Scout camp in the history of the Virgin Islands. did it with our meager resources and help. This four-week camp did wonders for the bo We would like to continue this camp this summer and future summers. However, we c would like to improve on the camp, that is, some better equipment and, even more importa one or two good men who know and understand a Scout camp. The question is where can find help?

"If it would be possible for us to have a college student or two in charge of the co it would make for a better program. I know that a student or two would be available fr one of our Lutheran colleges if we had the necessary finances for this purpose. There are many worth-while accomplishments to undertake with the children of the Virgin Islands, only there were some assistance. It is impossible to make any lasting gains with the mea resources and help available on the islands."

Cover Photo

Leaders of the eight church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council pose photo at the Council's 39th annual meeting. Seated, left to right, are Dr. Raymond Warge Suomi Synod; Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, Lutheran Free Church; the Rev. William Larsen, United Evo gelical Lutheran Church; and Dr. Alfred Jensen, American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Stan ing, left to right, are Dr. Henry Schuh, American Lutheran Church; Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, Evo gelical Lutheran Church; Dr. Oscar Benson, Augustana Lutheran Church; and Dr. Frank Clark Fry, United Lutheran Church in America.

The Case for the Lutheran College

Y GOULD WICKEY

Friendship at a Christian College

Perhaps the greatest mistake of life was not attending a Chris- college. There may have been e advantages in a secular college, the losses were so great that I ll always regret my failure to ntify myself with a Christian up. This is one of the main rea- s I have given more than thirty rs of life to Christian higher edu- on."

o wrote a man who is now presi- t of a Christian college and is ing his life to the cause of Chris- higher education.

He goes on to say that he missed sympathetic help of teachers in ating his studies to his own spirit- development. He missed the form- of Christian friendships in col- e. In fact, he said, "For more than twenty years I have not been in touch with even one other member of my graduating class." He missed any incentive to bear a Christian witness.

The experience of this educator is sufficient ground for examining the case for the Lutheran college.

What the Lutheran College Offers

1. *The Lutheran college offers a liberal arts education.*

Such an education is defined as "appropriate to a broad and enlightened mind; not restricted in spirit or scope." It seeks to direct students towards the great ends for which human life was created and is organized. It is a search for the values and principles which undergird and safeguard civilized life.

Such an education is concerned with the individual, with the whole individual, with the balanced and harmonious and complete development of the person—physical, men-

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tal, social, aesthetic, moral and spiritual.

The purpose of a liberal arts education is not primarily to enable students to make money, but rather to make a life—to find the good life. It is cultural rather than technical. It is concerned with principles rather than techniques. Principles are permanent, while techniques change.

The courses in such an education are concerned with the nature of the world, of man, of God and their relations. These courses will be found in the fields of language, literature, art, science, history, psychology, logic, philosophy and religion.

Colleges Yield to Pressure

There is a danger that in an age of scientific and technological advance colleges will be tempted to yield to the pressure of the moment and allow students to specialize before obtaining a liberal arts education.

Recently, I learned of a college which required of all students only one course in English, and perhaps only for a semester. The graduates of that college are specialists with no general education. Although claiming to be a liberal arts college, it is no longer so. Its curriculum is a hodgepodge of courses from which students elect courses with sufficient credits to graduate, specializing in the fields of their interests.

But where faculties are real educators, they make every effort, says Dr. John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation, "to ensure that every specialist will build his specialty on a base of general education so that he will have some flexibility and breadth as a background for specializing. What the future is going to demand is specialists who are capable of functioning as g eralists."

Need for Wisdom

Parents, pastors and counsel have an obligation to direct youth there will be no question as to type of education they obtain. E cated men and women are going determine the destiny of our civili tion. For this reason Dr. John Gardner, in his article in the Janua 1957, issue of *Harper's Magazi* declared that "colleges and unive ties must produce not only spec ists, but men with wisdom a breadth and a sense of values co mensurate with their roles of lead ship. Intelligence untempered w wisdom, competence unguided by sense of values, these could be downfall as surely as would ignora and incompetence. In short, we m turn out men whose technical skil matched by their breadth of comp hension, by their grasp of their c heritage, by largeness and libera of mind."

Here's one reason why the chu has founded and maintained libe arts colleges down through the c turies. The need for such an edu tion is just as great as ever. In f the rapid development of special compels an even greater emph upon the liberal arts in order to m certain of a sufficient number "generalists" who can guide scho society, governments, and civilizat along the highway of the eternal.

2. *The Lutheran college offer Christian education.*

In a striking article in *The Ch tian Scholar* some years ago, Wa Lippman expressed the convict that "modern education is based a denial that it is necessary or us

desirable for the schools and eges to continue to transmit from eration to generation the religious classical culture of the Western ld." Then, he asked, "What has n the result of this denial?" He wered, "there is no common faith, common body of principle, no mon body of knowledge, no com- moral and intellectual disci- e."

n our Lutheran colleges, there is a mon faith which integrates the le curriculum. Lutheran educa- believe that the development of whole person cannot be ac- plished apart from religion, es- ally the Christian faith.

dents Receive Individual Attention at a Christian College.

hristian teachers, in a wide ety of fields, challenge and stimu- the student's thinking and direct maturing of his faith. Professors selected, not only for their aca- ic excellence and knowledge of r subjects, but also for their per- l qualities as devoted Christian and women. Professors relate the ents of the courses to the Chris- way of life. This gives a larger ning to the course and a unity to whole curriculum.

he Lutheran college cannot allow acher to slur religion and Chris- ity in or out of the classroom. In hands of a "recognized authority" in a specialized field, a slur, wrote Dr. Paul Braistead in *Religion in Higher Education*, "becomes a vicious weapon against which the student has little or no defense. How long will we continue to regard as competent these specialists, however well equipped with their own skills, who carelessly or maliciously scoff at religion?"

Christian Interpretation

In a Lutheran college, Christianity is a vital part of the whole curriculum and not only the department of religion. Only thus can there be the harmonious development of the whole student. If the professor of sociology teaches that religion is merely the extension of one's wishes and the product of wishful thinking, the student is likely not to pay much attention to what is taught in Bible courses.

Lutheran educators believe that religious facts, issues, and implications should be presented, interpreted, and applied whenever and wherever possible in all departments as they naturally arise. For this reason, the professor of mathematics will point out the religious significance of the finite and the infinite. It is through the witness of Christian teachers that the students at our Lutheran colleges learn that the true meaning of life is above the material and the animal world, and that their own lives are within the frame of the eternal.

3. *The Lutheran college offers an education for Christian leadership.*

In 1956 the fourteen colleges of the United Lutheran Church graduated more than 1,500 youth with a basic education for positions of leadership and responsibility.

Research has discovered that the

church and privately supported liberal arts colleges have produced 71 per cent of the business executives who are college graduates, some 62 per cent of the board chairmen and presidents of America's $66 million corporations, most of the eminent scientists, and leaders in other fields. This is one reason why business and industry are investing billions of dollars in the privately supported colleges.

The graduates of liberal arts colleges are outstanding in leadership because their education is personalized. That each student should receive a maximum of individual attention, is one of the aims of our Lutheran colleges. In an atmosphere of friendliness and understanding, students and teachers learn to know one another. Counselors, chaplains, teachers and administrators work together for the student's fullest possible growth. Social skills are developed through participation in a wide variety of campus activities. Students learn to live and to work with people and are aided in developing wholesome, well-rounded personalities.

Opportunity for Men of the Church

"The churches have a great opportunity," wrote Dr. Wilson Compton, president of the Council for Financial Aid to Education, "to fortify a vital part of American life—and a great responsibility." This responsibility does not rest only upon the officers of the churches, the pastors of parishes, and the trustees of colleges. That responsibility must be shared by the laymen of all the parishes.

Recently there was formed a National Committee of Church Men for Church Colleges with Dr. M Akers, editor of the *Chicago Times*, as chairman. This comm was organized through the coop tion of the Commission on Chris Higher Education and the Counc Church Men of the National Cou of Churches of Christ. The Nati Committee hopes to encourage ar tive interest in church colleges an the millions of laymen in the pari who "can if they will."

The men of the United Luth Church, however organized, have greater challenge for a field of terest than the church college. is being trained the leadership w will determine the destiny and fu of our nation and of civilizatio the Christian faith and ideals ar be transmitted to future generati it will be done by a Christian lea ship trained in colleges with C tian principles.

With the swell in college en ments and with the tremendous for Christian leaders in all chur and in all walks of life, church should become more interested maintaining and supporting the leges of the church.

Pro Deo et Patria Award

As of January 1, 1957, a total o 6,571 ULCA boys had applied for th Pro Deo et Patria Award. As of tha date 1,428 boys were granted th award. A large number of those wh have applied are, of course, workin on the accumulation of the 150 hour of church-related service in connectio with the granting of the award. Th Brotherhood, ULCA, is now sending letter and a wallet-sized picture o Christ with the salute to the Christia and American flags on the revers side to each award winner.

The Topic for May

An Inter-Lutheran Topic
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On Being a Little Fish

BY J. R. BROKHOFF

ary Margaret McBride tells of a
ly that moved into a section of
York City where all the houses
alike. After the furniture was in
e and the moving van had left,
husband went out to buy some
eries. Upon his return to the
endous housing development he
overed that he had forgotten the
t address of his new home. For
e days he wandered from house
ouse trying to locate where he
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he world in which we live seems
on making both houses and
le conform to a standard pattern.
s been successful at turning auto-
iles off an assembly line, and it
s to want to do the same thing
eople. Pressure is brought to
e people think alike, dress alike,
ve alike.

n our school systems, children are
ed as normal on the basis of
r ability to "adjust" and to be
ed" by their fellow students.

Their intellectual development is based on approved textbooks which contain nothing offensive to anybody. When an independent student expresses studied views and judgments that are not a parrot repetition, he and his parents are regarded with suspicion. The result is a growing mass of intellectual robots.

A recent order in the United States Senate would have been hilarious if it had not been so indicative of trends. It stated that no page boy should be taller than the shortest senator. The order was reminiscent of the mythical king who wanted all of his subjects to be the same size. He made each of them lie down on a regulation bed. If the individual was too long, his feet were cut off. If he was too short, his body was stretched to the approved length.

Not long ago I listened to a radio commercial that had a new twist in its appeal to conformity. Purpose was to sell a new cosmetic that would make lovely hands look dirty. A woman working in an office, the announcer said, will be embarrassed by her soft hands when she plays bridge with women who run drill presses in

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ch in America.

a factory. The suggested solution to the problem was to spread the cosmetic on clean hands so they would look as hard as a mill worker's. "Don't be the odd person in the crowd," the appeal ran. "Be like other women."

The consequence of this trend to conformity is the minimizing of the individual. He becomes only a cog in a wheel. His differences are frowned upon and his identity is lost in the crowd. He is de-personalized until he has little significance. He is just one of many others just like him.

Movement Toward Centralization

Our generation's trend toward centralization also makes the individual appear smaller and smaller and less and less important. Cities grow larger and larger until a man feels that his voice and vote have been dwarfed into insignificance. Schools get bigger and bigger until a youngster, often rightly, concludes that his teachers do not know him and that his contribution doesn't much matter.

Modern monopolies in mass media of communication are making us feel helpless to be original and independent in our thinking. Ten states, for example, lack one city with competing newspapers. UNESCO says that 745 million people depend on one source of news—Tass, the Soviet news service. In the United S four radio networks dominate t channels with 24 advertisers p ing 50 per cent of their net in Five companies dominate the industry.

The merger of the CIO and A L unions throws 15 million wor into one organization. What is person in 15 million?

"I Will Be Big"

Fortunately an innate desire w each of us may eventually coun the trend toward conformity and tralization. It was humorously pressed in a public school class was discussing modern invent "Can any of you," the teacher a "name something of importance did not exist 50 years ago?" uninhibited boy piped up, "Me

The same desire for a sens importance as expressed in th adage, "I'd rather be a big fish little pond than a little fish in a pond." In effect, it says, "If I be big in a big pond, I'll be big little pond. At any rate, I'll be b

Even the disciples of Jesus played the desire. On the wa Jerusalem and during the Last Su they disputed among themselves cerning who was to be the gre in the kingdom. Notice that did not condemn them for wa to be great. Instead he taught what true greatness was.

In spite of the pressures of age, we dare to think of each pe as being of matchless worth. the matchless worth of the indivi is based on much more solid rea than is the modern trend to take a man's individual significance.

Topic Aims

1. To lead the men to set up Christian standards for judging the significance of an individual life.

2. To motivate the men to live such lives that they can be judged as being significant.

Worship

Scripture: Mark 9: 33-37

Hymns: "Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still"
"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Man is important by virtue of reation. He is the hand-made ct of God. Man is not just an- aspect of creation. He is the of creation. He was made a soul. By virtue of that he is r than all other created things. d gave man dominion over the f creation. By nature man is dingly important and valuable. n stand on his feet and say con- ly and unapologetically, "I am n." This is the point brought o beautifully by the writer of ighth Psalm, "Yet thou hast him little less than God, and crown him with glory and r."

Man is also important by virtue s re-creation. Because of his sin, had to be re-made. This re- ng cost God his only Son on the . Those who accept Christ as ur are made children of God, ed to eternal glory with Christ. ristian can stand on his feet and 'By the grace of God I am what "—a child of God.

Man is important by virtue of a part of the whole. We learned ool that the whole is the sum of rts. It is not a whole unless all are there. Even if a small part absent, it would not be a whole. whole depends upon the contri- n of each part.

me years ago 100,000 people in the Los Angeles Coliseum. e midst of the program all lights turned off. Over the loudspeaker ice asked that each person get a h. Each was requested, at a sig- to strike his match and to hold until it burned itself out. At the signal, a few flickering lights were seen, but soon the bowl was glowing with light which by contrast seemed brighter than the sun. Slowly the darkness came again.

"What did you do?" a voice said. "You lit one match. One little, flickering, short-lived match.....nothing in this great sea of darkness. But when all of us did the same it became a light brighter than the noonday sun."

A man's life may seem like a weak, flickering match, soon to go out. But when that weak life makes its contribution to others it helps to light up a dark world. The total number of matches made a light like the sun, yet the total consisted of single, flickering matches.

God's Estimate of Men

4. Man is important by virtue of God's estimate of him. Man is important because God considers him a big fish whether he lives in a big or little pond. This is important, since man's importance ultimately depends on God's estimate of him.

The Bible keeps assuring us that man is of infinite worth to God. He is not a number to God. He is a name. He is known personally. If God knows when a sparrow falls, then certainly he knows about the individual's problems. Jesus emphasized this by saying that God knows the number of hairs on a person's head.

Once a Hollywood man employed a girl to count the hairs on a woman's head. She found 135,168 hairs.

God can take man's littleness and make something great of him and through him. God can take a little boy, David, and kill a giant, Goliath.

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Faith, Salisbury, Md. _____1/29/57
Grace, Deephaven, Minn. _____1/23/57
St. John's, Honesdale, Pa. ____2 6 57
St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa. ___ 2/8/57
Second English, Baltimore, Md. 2/20/57
Grace, York, Pa. _____2/20/57

God can take one man, Gideon, to lead only 300 other men and defeat a whole army. Jesus can feed 5,000 by taking a lad's lunch of five loaves and two fish.

There was once a country preacher with a small congregation in Scotland whose name the world does not know to this day. But one day that man preached out his heart and called for complete consecration to Christ. A young fellow responded to that plea and became a minister. The world will never forget the name of the convert, John Knox, for he defied the queen and introduced the Reformation into Scotland. God used that simple, unknown country preacher to produce someone great.

When a man gives all he is and has to God, God can do something great with and through that man. When Moses felt he was too small to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, God asked him what he had in his hand. It was only a stick, a seemingly worthless thing. Yet, with the stick, the plagues were brought on Egypt, the sea was parted, and water was brought out of a solid rock. Miracles were done through a stick.

Each man may feel as wor as a stick. But placed in the of God, he can be the avenue of cles. Through one dedicated r home can become Christian, a day school class of boys ca taught, families can be broug church, and souls can be rescued the sea of indifference.

A Huge, Tasteless App

From the above we can con that man in God's sight is a bi regardless of whether he lives big or little pond. But how "little" fellow become great? constitutes greatness?

For one thing, greatness do depend on size. A man went county fair and looked at the v exhibits of farm products. He st at a display, picked up a huge p and said to the farmer, "My, b is a big one."

"Yes," the exhibitor replied it is no good. And here is a big but it also is no good." Th picked up a small apple from h the counter and showed it. s "Now here is a good apple for

Size does not mean greatn city is not great because it is numbers. A corporation is not because it earns a billion in each year. A man is not great because he is wealthy.

Again, greatness does not ne ily involve fame or promi Fame is illusory and temporary York University has a hall of Outstanding people are elected hall and their busts are put i of the 150 niches. Upon the oc of unveiling certain busts, one illustrious penned: "We toil for

ve on crusts, We make a name,
we are busts."

Two Tests of Greatness

o then is a truly big fish? Jesus
he answer to his disciples when
were discussing this subject of
ess. "If anyone would be first,"
said, "he must be last of all
ervant of all." Here then are the
sts of real greatness: Humility
ervice.

at does humility mean? It is a
y of spirit that makes a man
t himself for what he is. He
s of himself as no more and no
han what he really is. To think
nself as being less than he is is
umility. To deny his abilities is
modesty. It leads to excuses for
cepting opportunities for serv-
saying, "I am not big enough
at position." It causes lack of
nfidence.

mility is also not thinking more
of ourselves than we ought to
Such leads to pride. It causes
o seek honor and position when
are not big enough for them. A
ndous amount of trouble is
d in business and in church
when followers are not satisfied
followers but want to be lead-
hey demand positions for which
lo not have the necessary quali-
ns. This usually results in strife
ontroversy.

simply being what you are—
re and no less—is not easy. To
ly humble a man must know
lf and accept himself. Knowing
elf is hard, but accepting your-
even more difficult.

second test of greatness is serv-
ndered to God and humanity.
This involves the giving of self and possessions to others.

Not long ago a national magazine nominated Albert Schweitzer as "The Greatest Man of the 20th Century." The nomination was plausible because Schweitzer was giving his life, his talents, his worldly goods to helping the bodies, minds, and spirits of the needy.

Not every man can write a book or be the president of a university or discover a cure for cancer. But every man can render service according to his talents and opportunities. Even a cup of water given to a child, Jesus said, has its reward.

A prominent minister once dreamed that he died and knocked on the pearly gates.

"Who are you?" St. Peter asked.

The preacher was startled. Everybody knew him. "Never heard of me?" the man sputtered. "Haven't you heard of my sermons, my community leadership, my great ministry?"

"No," Peter replied. Then the keeper of the gates looked at him more closely. "Are you the one who fed the sparrows?"

"Why, yes," the surprised pastor said.

"Come right in then," said Peter. "The Protector of the sparrows wants to see you."

Despite the effort of the world to pound you down to the size of a poor, little fish, God considers you to be of infinite value. But He says that the

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A Lutheran First

The first Protestant missionary to the American Indians was the Rev. Johan Campanius, a Lutheran pastor in the Swedish-Finnish colony on the Delaware River, in 1642.

price of being big is in terms of greatness. The price tags of greatness are humility and service. "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

To the Leader

1. Take a poll of the men to learn who, in their opinion, was the greatest person: A) In the world's history. B) In this century. C) In the past year. Pass out mimeographed ballots to each man and ask him to write in his nomination.

2. During the presentation of the topic, have a small committee tabulate the results.

3. At the close of the topic, call for a report from the committee. Take the top names and judge them for greatness according to the principles laid down in the formal presentation of the topic. Let the men themse be the judges. Encourage discuss

Questions for Discussion

1. Within a year of his de Stalin was debunked by his countrymen as a brutal dictator. what extent does greatness depen public opinion?

2. A man unable to gain pr nence in a large church transfer a mission where he is made a lea Can this be justified by Chris standards?

3. Can a man sincerely disa and still be popular?

4. Is a difference of opinion i congregation necessarily a sign contention?

5. To overcome the trend tow conformity, is it good for a ma disagree for the sake of disagreei

Audio-Visual Aids for Topics

BY LESTER M. UTZ

April Topic

First choice: **The Faith of a Guy.**

This sound filmstrip has 62 frames in black and white, and is especially suitable for this topic. A long-playing record accompanies it.

It deals with the inevitability of faith, motivating persons to want to be Christians and suggesting ways of growing in faith. It shows how decisions must be made. A profitable discussion can follow the presentation.

The film is one of seven new sound filmstrips on youth work developed by cooperating denominations through the department of youth work of the National Council of Churches. It can be obtained from the United Lutheran Publication House, or a Religious Film Library.

Second choice: **All That I Am.**

This filmstrip with 60 frames in black and white is accompanied by a script. Through the story of Jim, a layman, there is shown that there is no person like a self-made man. Each one of us owes too much to others and to God. The film challenges laymen to do church work. It can be obtained from the United Lutheran Publication House, Philadelphia, or the Episcopal Church general headquarters.

May Topic

First choice: **He Who is Greatest.**

This filmstrip has 65 frames in black white, and 78 rpm records. It portra father concerned with his children, ge down to business in providing effective l ership in the congregation with the enc agement of his pastor. This results in incre interest and effort by all age groups subsequent growth in membership and im on the community. Very helpful in motiv church members to give service in the church program.

Can be obtained from the United Luth Publication House, or the Evangelical-Un Brethren general headquarters.

Second choice: **Great Personalities.**

This filmstrip has 63 frames in black white, with a suitable guide for its pre tation. It is a study in Christian "greatn and uses selected characters from bibl early church, medieval, and modern ti Omits any "greats" of our Lutheran herit Brings out many of the qualities of nobility.

Can be obtained from the United Luth Publication House, or the Evangelical Reformed general headquarters.

News and Views From Headquarters

By Howard L. Logan

An Appraisal

pril 1, 1957, marks the first anniversary of ice of the executive secretary. It is my desire hare with you some observations concerning men's auxiliary of our church. I shall welcome, lways, your comments and suggestions. These rvations are not necessarily listed in the order heir importance, but are the random thoughts random thinker.

ationships With Our Church

is my personal conviction that auxiliary must be in harmony the program of the church. In ning our relation as an auxiliary, can define it only as auxiliary he boards and agencies of the rch. These boards and agencies welcomed a renewed interest in n on the part of the Brotherhood. intend that we shall step-up our hasis and service to these com- nts of our church. By action of ULCA Harrisburg Convention we appointed advisory members to Boards of American Missions, ign Missions, Social Missions, her Education, Parish Education, Publication.

is a further conviction of mine the officers and executive board he church want the Brotherhood ave a new opportunity to assist unleashing the tremendous po- ial of manpower within the A. A tangible evidence of this is he granting of an appropriation from its budget for the five-year period. Just as tangible to the executive secretary is the encouragement received frequently from the personal contact with the president and secretary of the church and their assistants. One gets the feeling that our leaders are "pulling" for us. This renewed confidence in us on the part of the ULCA leaders must be merited on our part.

Relations With Synodical Units

The synodical Brotherhood is extremely important in the organizational scheme of our auxiliary. Our work is centered in the congregational unit. In large measure, though, the ULCA Brotherhood must rely on the synodical unit to channel down to the congregational level, the aims, purposes and programs we are endeavoring to achieve. In effect, the auxiliary, like our church, is an organization of synodical units.

Presently there are 22 synodical units. We do not have units in Ohio,

Northwest, Pacific Southwest, Wartburg, Mississippi, Kentucky-Tennessee, Icelandic, Zion Slovak, Nova Scotia or Caribbean Synods. It may be that we shall never achieve a goal of 32 synodical units, yet we cannot be satisfied with the present number. Contacts have definitely been made with three of these synods. Varying degrees of progress have been made in creating an interest in our auxiliary.

An appraisal of the currently organized synodical units would be quite mixed. In some areas we have effective synodical units and in others we find a glaring need for assistance. Because we feel we cannot get far until our synodical units are strengthened we are looking for ways in which we can help. We are determined to be represented each year at every synodical Brotherhood convention to which we are invited. We have prepared a synodical president's manual. The president's bulletin is sent to all members of the synodical executive committee. We want to establish an officers' training program at the synodical level.

The ULCA Brotherhood has no control over the projects of our synodical units. Almost every synodical Brotherhood has some financial project. Some are of recent origin, others of long standing. There is danger that these can become all important in the life of the synodical unit to the extent that the church-wide auxiliary is hurt.

Relations With Conferences

Although the executive secretary has spoken at many conference meetings, we are not currently doing anything specifically to assist this level of organization. True, some conference leaders receive the presidents bulletin, but that is the extent specific service. Here, too, help needed, and as time and streng permit, helps will be offered t level. We are constantly urging sy odical leaders to be of real aid the conferences. In some cases wo shops are held and other types of sistance rendered. Until every level our auxiliary is strengthened we ca not achieve the effectiveness we sire.

Congregational Units

We have established a mailing l of our affiliated congregational uni We plan to contact these units fr time to time. In 1956 we contact them on two or three occasions. ready in 1957 we have contacted the twice. This contact must be ma tained and increased. The respon of the congregational units to o budget will determine the degree which we can increase and impro our service.

We have real concern for cong gational groups. They are the he of our organization. All other lev of organization depend on them their very existence. When th groups disband or die all levels our auxiliary are affected. We ne to have a growing concern for t matter. We stand ready to ass where we can, not only to create n units but to sustain the life of old units.

Encouraging Signs

There seems to be real inter wherever we go. It is hoped that t interest can be translated into po tive action. More and more men a willing to give of their time, tale and possessions to increase the fectiveness of the auxiliary. For t

are grateful. May there be an increasing number of men of this character. Our response in 1956 from memberships was the largest on record. We trust that this increase in contributions expected will not deter from making 1957 even larger.

And Finally

In all this we should never lose sight of the individual man. All of the above falls of its own weight unless the man in the parish is the important focus of our total emphasis. We must never lose sight of the individual man. What are we doing to strengthen his faith and relate it to his life and work? What are we doing to increase his effective witness in his congregation? Here it seems to me is the purpose for having a men's auxiliary. To this end I dedicate my efforts and invite you to join me.

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Logan Speaks for the Brotherhood

Executive Secretary Howard L. Logan presents budget information of the ULCA Brotherhood.

The event is the session of the Allocations Commission of the United Lutheran Church in America on Jan. 22, when 21 of the ULCA's synodical stewardship secretaries served as official members of the commission. It marked the first time that the group responsible for raising the level of church budgets participated officially in the distribution of funds. All other stewardship secretaries, church staff members and leaders of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, attended the session as observers not only to discuss the distribution of Part II free funds for emergency needs of 1956 income totaling $7,115,-000 but also to learn of the specific need to increase offerings to $15,000,000 for the ULCA's mission, education, evangelism and social action causes in 1958.

Let the World Know Where We Are

This letter was addressed to Dr. Paul C. Empie, Executive Director, National Lutheran Council.

Dear Sir:

Will try not to take up too much of your time, but something I've given a lot of thought is that the location of each Lutheran church in the country should be marked by the blue and white sign on city (main) thoroughfares. The idea is catching on more and more, but still is way behind. With so many older congregations yet unmarked and all our new churches being built, I think everyone needs to be reminded of the importance of pointing out the churches' locations.

I thought writing you would be the best way to contact each synod head, who in turn can make it known to their churches—through their magazines, perhaps.

Having moved frequently in the past eight years, as have thousands of others, the most important thing to us in locating in a new town is our church. Out of eight cities we've located in, one had a "Lutheran" sign, and it was a friendly welcome to a strange town.

Another good idea being carried out in some cities is a sign of "Welcome" put up by all the churches at the city limits. This project could also be carried out more extensively if each Lutheran minister would approach the ministerial association with the subject.

Let's hope by the end of 1957 that there will be few, if any, Lutheran churches without their location marker along our thoroughfares.

Mrs. Don Hudson 156 Central Avenue Redwood City, Calif.

Scouting in the UCLA

By Dr. George A. Eichler

320 E. 20th St., Northampton, Pa.

"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth"

Paul's commendation of Timothy is a word of encouragement to all Boy Scouts who can do things. It foreshadows the boy's right to a full life of self-expression, self-improvement and service.

Dr. Ray O. Wyland, formerly in charge of Protestant Relationships for the Boy Scouts of America, nominated the following Scouts of Bible times:

JOSEPH as a lad, by vision and foresight saved Egypt from famine and ranks high in the world of economists.

SAMUEL as a prophet and statesman, began service in the Temple when a boy of 12 years and ranks among the greatest of the leaders of his race.

DAVID a shepherd lad, developed out of a life in the open, physical strength, self-reliance, understanding and the vision of a statesman. His encounters with a lion, a bear and a giant appeal to all boys and are the best known incidents in Old Testament history.

SOLOMON was on the throne at 18— began Temple at 20, and completed it before 30.

JEREMIAH at 10 years of age b gan first prophecies.

DANIEL as a lad, grew in favo and was advanced to a position o honor and trust because "an excelle spirit was in him."

THE UNNAMED LAD in Joh 6:9 did 5000 "good turns" in one da by giving his six barley loaves an five small fishes to feed the hungr multitude.

JESUS at the Temple in his 12t year (scout age) foreshadowed hi future ministry with his pronounce ment: "Wist ye not that I must b about my Father's business?"

Japan Needs Christ

Billy Graham's Diary: "Japan does not need our educators. Japan today has the highes literacy rate in the world. The Japanese are the most educated people in the world. Ther are scores of areas in the United States that need teachers far more than they need them in Japan. Japan does not need our social work. The Japanese economy is one of the mos thriving in the world, but Japan does desperately need our message—the message of Christ Without Christ, she could easily lead the people of the world back to war in the years to come, as she did in 1941."

Billy Graham, in **To the Far Corners,** by George Burnham (Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Washington Churchmen's Seminar

By Howard L. Logan

Every year the NCCCUSA and the LC hold a seminar in Washington, . C., for a limited number of Prot-tant churchmen. This year the Lu-eran Church was allotted 50 places the seminar. The United Lutheran hurch in America was represented approximately 15 men and women om the synods of New York and ew England, Central Pennsylvania, d Maryland.

The seminar is an attempt to put hurchmen in touch with their Gov-rnment in action. Meetings were eld at the Lutheran Church of the eformation and in the offices of overnment. The sessions held at the hurch were addressed by Govern-ent leaders of the upper echelon. his year the administrative assistant Senator Ralph Flanders, Rep. Wal-r Judd, and an economic history rofessor from MIT, and a *Christian cience Monitor* editor were among e speakers.

The most helpful sessions were ose held in the executive and legis-tive branches of Government. The ntire delegation spent half a day at e State Department and listened to aders of the Government who are sponsible in the UN, NATO, and e Middle East sections of the De-artment. The excellent presentations uickly convinced all of us of the omplexity of the problems confront-ng our leaders in foreign affairs.

Another extended session was held n the executive departments of the Government, including Labor, Defense, and Health, Welfare and Education. Again, in the leaders of those departments we found a willingness to explain issues, defend administrative programs and generally provide helpful information. The sessions were largely question-and-answer discussion.

The delegates called on their senators and representatives, visited Congress one morning, and attended committee meeting hearings. We happened to visit with the junior senator from New York, Jacob Javits. The friendly manner in which we were received was demonstrated by all the legislators.

It is hoped that more United Lutheran men will attend this and other seminars of this type. The Board of Social Action of the Central Pennsylvania Synod plans such a conference for Lutherans only on a statewide basis in May at Harrisburg.

One is constantly reminded of the importance of the opinions of the voters back home. Again and again we heard that the Federal Government is sensitive to public opinion. Your opinion does count, and your individual, thoughtful letters are important.

The Brotherhood should encourage the men of our church to take active part in the political life of our nation at all levels of government. The Christian influence is needed.

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Education for Living

By Earl S. Rudisill

Pointing up the Family

Christian Family Week (May 5-12) is creeping up on us. Have we made plans for this important emphasis? Here is a fine opportunity to promote wholesome marriage, and harmonious, efficient, Christian life in all our homes.

The seriousness or levity with which we treat it will largely determine whether the congregation and community are to benefit from this week's activities. In the light of the numerous breakups of marriages and conflicts in families it is hardly possible to overrate the significance of this opportunity or to start too early to prepare for it. It is a time for two things: 1) to carry out courses and other projects for the immediate assistance to the family, and 2) to make plans for projects throughout the year whereby marriage and family life will be enhanced. It is a strategic occasion for both types of undertaking.

Before these words are printed, informational folders for congregations and for families will have been made available. A letter will have gone to all pastors calling attention to this week and the materials available. The copy for the congregation will go to him, along with a sample of those which may be purchased for distribution in the congregation. About 75,000 of these folders went into our congregations last year, and probably more will be used this year.

Suggestions

Here are a few suggestions things that can be done this year:

1. Sermons, on May 5 and 1 dealing with marriage and the famil

2. An all-week course based on o of our three textbooks on family lif

3. Initiation of a bookshelf marriage and the family—books f sale.

4. A public demonstration of fa ily worship.

5. A panel discussion on solvi family problems, or the fami budget.

6. A symposium on how to he young people in boy-girl relatio ships, with some young people taki part.

7. Visitation of new families in th neighborhood.

8. Encouragement of family di cussion of religio-moral questions.

9. A parent-leader meeting, with top-notch program.

10. Introduction of a family magazine, such as *The Christian Home.*

11. Formal dedication of homes to Christian living.

12. A broadcast on the Christian home.

13. Use of audio-visual materials dealing with the family.

14. A public discussion of the mixed-marriage problem, with adequate publicity in order to reach a maximum of people.

15. An exhibit of books on religion for children, such as those of Jones, Fenner, Hurlbut, and Egermeier.

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Honorary Life Memberships

By Phares G. Beer

Life Membership Secretaries in the Local Brotherhood

Every congregational Brotherhood president should appoint an Honorary Life and In Memoriam secretary or director for the local Brotherhood and report the appointment to the chairman of the ULCA Honorary Life and In Memoriam committee. The person selected should be one who has an interst in this work, is willing to give time and effort to foster it and is capable of making a good impression in presenting memberships. This person should cooperate with the local Brotherhood treasurer in transmitting memberships to the conference treasurer. The director or secretary should remit no funds by himself but should always do this through the local Brotherhood treasurer so that the treasurer may report it in his annual report to the congregation. All money sent to the conference treasurer should be reported to the pastor or church office for inclusion under item Number 54 of the annual congregational parochial report to the Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America.

He should always have flyers and application blanks on hand for distribution to prospective donors. He will see that the application blanks are completely executed and sent in triplicate to the conference treasurer. These flyers and application blanks may be secured by writing to the author of this article.

He will send the glossy photographs, obituaries and biographical sketches for all In Memoriams as soon as possible to the chairman of the Honorary Life and In Memoriam membership committee of the United Lutheran Church Brotherhood, 708 Saint John Street, Allentown, Pa. The photographs and biographical sketches annually appear in the August issue of *Lutheran Men.* This material must reach the chairman no later than June first to appear in the August issue of that year.

He will make a monthly report of his activities to the congregational Brotherhood and report all memberships given in the local congregation at the earliest convenient date. It is

always appropriate and inspiring to give the total number given during the year and the total for the local Brotherhood throughout the years. He will make and retain a complete list or file of all members honored by memberships in his Brotherhood. If he is uncertain about this list he may obtain such a list by writing to the chairman of the United Lutheran Church Brotherhood committee.

He will write articles on Honorary Life and In Memoriam memberships for the local Brotherhood and congregational news sheets, bulletins and other publications. He will publicize the presentation of memberships in the local newspapers. He will be sure to present his activities at every congregational meeting.

It will be his duty to urge the presentation of memberships by members of the Brotherhood, by other auxiliary groups and members of the congregation and by the local Brotherhood itself, which should be sure to honor its retiring officers and outstanding workers with such memberships. Many local Brotherhoods like St. Thomas, Ranson, W. Va., and Grace, Allentown, Pa., annually give one or more memberships to their retiring officers or outstanding members.

He should present or introduce the person presenting Honorary Life or In Memoriam memberships at Brotherhood meetings, church services, the annual congregational meeting or wherever they are presented. The April, 1952, issue of *Lutheran Men* contains an extended article with a number of illustrations on how to present these memberships. He will strive to have public presentations for all memberships given. He will also strive to have his Brotherhood a 100 per cent Honorary Life membership Brotherhood; that is, to have every Brotherhood member an Honorary Life member. Among our outstanding 100 per cent Brotherhoods is St. Matthew's Brotherhood, Bingle Ferry Road, eleven miles southeast of Salisbury, N. C.

He will foster Brotherhood showers where a number of members will honor some very outstanding member of a local Brotherhood by presenting him with a half dozen or more memberships.

He will regularly read this column in *Lutheran Men* for additional information on his work. He will report all outstanding achievements in his activities to *Lutheran Men*, his synodical paper and the chairman of the United Lutheran Church Brotherhood.

Below is a list of all congregation

Deaconess School for Church Workers

Church workers and any women who desire refresher courses and an opportunity for spiritual enrichment are invited to attend the Lutheran Deaconess School for Church Workers, 1100 Boyce Ave., Ruxton 4, Md., July 14-26.

Courses and discussions will include: various concepts of counseling; examples of counseling practices; methods of interviewing, meaning of rapport, development of insight, handling hostility; a careful study of the Gospel of Luke; how to guide children's worship experiences.

The Rev. Charles P. Cressman, Ed. D., pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Parkville, Md., will be one of the instructors. He has taught in the sociology department of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

For further information write to Sister Catherine Neuhardt at the above address.

l Honorary Life and In Memoriam ecretaries or directors by synods of hom we have been informed. We elieve that there are many more ich secretaries and directors, but ntil we are informed of their ap- ointments we cannot contact them or list them in an article like this:

ntral Pennsylvania Synod
Salem Church, Lebanon, Pa.; M. G. Gerhard, 237 S. Lincoln Ave., Lebanon, Pa.

ntral States Synod
St. John's Church, Columbus, Nebraska; Edward J. Klug, Columbus, Rt. 1, Nebraska.

orgia-Alabama Synod
Zion Church, Marlow, Ga.; Bartow S. Zipperer, Box 52, Marlow, Route 1, Ga.

aryland Synod
Zion Church, Hagerstown, Md.; Earl D. Anderson, 1845 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, Md.
St. John's, East Riverdale, Md.; M. V. Mason, 5508 Edmonston Ave., Riverdale, Md.

w York and New England Synod
Redeemer Church, Utica, N. Y.; Dart Everett, 9 Sherman Place, Utica, N. Y.

nnsylvania Ministerium
Grace Church, Allentown, Pa.; Jacob E. Hendricks, 806 Wyoming St., Allentown, Pa.
St. John's, Leck Kill, Pa.; Wellie Schoffstall, Main St., Leck Kill, Pa.
Zion, Northampton, Pa.; John P. Anthony, 1801 Lincoln Avenue, Northampton, Pa.

South Carolina Synod
Advent, Charleston, S. C.; Harold Weber, 620 O'Hear St., North Charleston, S. C.
Resurrection, Columbia, S. C.; R. L. Gaffney, 4201 Blossom St., Columbia, S. C.
St. John's, Spartanburg, S. C.; John Caughman, Spartanburg, S. C.
St. Stephen's, Lexington, S. C.; Carl Davis Caughman, Lexington, Route 4, S. C.

Texas Synod
Grace, Houston, Texas; P. L. Wahlberg, 816 Arlington Street, Houston 7, Texas

Virginia Synod
St. Thomas, Ranson, W. Va.; Paul F. Burton, 623 South Mildred St., Charles Town, W. Va.

The fifteen Brotherhoods mentioned above honored 82 persons with Honorary Life memberships. If the same ratio had been achieved by our more than 900 Brotherhoods affiliated with our national organization, we would now have about 5,000 Honorary Life members instead of 781. Will *you* urge the appointment of an Honorary Life and In Memoriam secretary in your local Brotherhood and see that his name is sent to the author of this column. If your Brotherhood has such an appointee and he is not listed above will *you* likewise send in his name.

Lutherans Attend Appreciation Dinner in Atlanta, Georgia

This picture shows some of our Lutherans attending the appreciation dinner in connection with the dedication of the new TV sound stage of the Protestant Radio and TV center, Atlanta, Georgia. This is the center that produces the Lutheran series with Dr. Edmund Steimle, for the "Protestant Hour."

Those present include Dave Blomstrom (near center), former ULCA Brotherhood vice president; Mrs. J. H. Oetgen; Jack Oetgen, director of evangelism for the synodical Brotherhood; Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, active members of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Richard Sutcliffe, associate director of the ULCA Department of Press, Radio and TV, was the toastmaster.

Stations listed high on the wall are some of the 500 which carry the programs originating in the Center.

News About Men and Their Meetings

South Carolina Convention

The 14th annual convention of the Brotherhood of the South Carolina Synod was held at Newberry College on January 25, 1957, as a part of the College's Centennial Year Observance. For the first time the convention was a full-day affair, and was called to order by President C. C. Howell, Jr.

The various officers' reports showed that considerable progress had been made last year. The number of members increased 8 per cent and the number of local organizations increased 13 per cent. Fourteen new Brotherhoods were organized in the synod during 1956. Twelve congregations were assisted with loans from the Loan and Gift Fund and seven congregations shared a gift of $7500 from the Mission Gift Fund. One In Memoriam and fifteen Honorary Life Memberships were given in the synod last year.

The following officers were elected for 1957: President Cecil H. Bowers; First Vice President Harry Moose; Second Vice President Phillip T. Kelly; Secretary Carl Meynardia; Treasurer Otho Shealy; Promotion Secretary Paul E. Miller and Pastor Advisor The Rev. Herman Cauble.

B. T. Bodie, ULCA Brotherhood president, addressed the convention during the afternoon session, bringing greetings from the national Brotherhood and information on the work and challenge of the Brotherhood on local, state and national levels, after which the delegates attended workshops on "Evangelism" and "Loan and Gift Fund Work." These workshops were a new addition to South Carolina Brotherhood conventions and were very successful and will be continued.

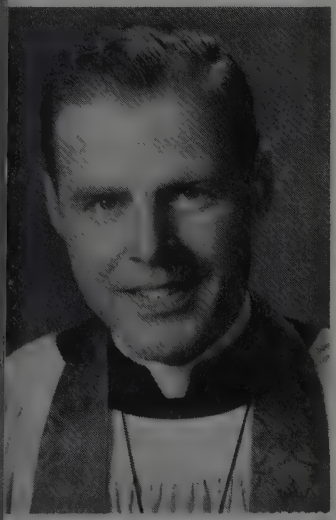
The annual banquet was held in the boarding hall at Newberry College, with an overflow crowd in attendance. More than 325 men heard Executive Secretary Howard Logan make one of the most inspirational addresses the convention has heard in some time. The convention was very fortunate to have both President Bodie and Secretary Logan in attendance.

—William E. Fuller, Jr.

Principals at South Carolina Brotherhood Banquet

Left to right: Cecil Bowers, new president; Phil Kelly, toastmaster and second vice president; C. A. Kaufmann, president of Newberry College, who brought greetings; B. T. Bodie, ULCA Brotherhood president; Howard L. Logan, ULCA Brotherhood executive secretary; C. C. Howell, retiring president; Harry Moose, first vice president and co-chairman of the banquet arrangements. Over 325 attended the banquet.

Victorson Named Chaplain



The Rev. Frans Victorson, a pas- of the Augustana Lutheran Church d a member of the general board the Augustana Churchmen, has en named Protestant Chaplain Gen- al for the Fourth National Jam- ree of the Boy Scouts of America be held July 12-18 at historic lley Forge, Pa.

Here is a worth-while project for y congregational Brotherhood, to lp financially a boy attend the mboree.

About 50,000 Scouts from all over nerica are expected to be in Valley rge in July. Explorers and Second ass Scouts are eligible to attend.

Pastor Victorson has had Scouting his blood for many years. He ac- ired Eagle Rank and Sea Scout artermaster by holding most of the fices in his unit while he was a out. He has served as cubmaster, outmaster, committeeman and coun-

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cil executive board member, and was also on regional and national committees. In 1949 he received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest possible honor which a local Scout council can bestow upon a leader, and in 1951 he was given the Silver Antelope Award, the highest possible award which a region can hand out.

Pastor Victorson was the mainspring in the writing of the currently used and basic Lutheran work, "Scouting in the Lutheran Church." He was editor for some time of the "Our Boys" column in *The Lutheran Companion,* and has written articles on Scouting in relationship to the church. The present Pro Deo et Patria requirements came largely from Pastor Victorson's findings. He also prepared the liturgy currently being used in presentations of the Pro Deo et Patria Award in Augustana churches. He was chiefly responsible for the creation of the Lamb Award for adults.

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Pro Deo et Patria Award Given to Donald May, Fairmont, W. Va.

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Fairmont, W. Va., Donald May, an Explorer Scout and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin May, was given the Pro Deo et Patria Award. Donald was presented to Pastor Harold L. Hann by Lloyd Stimmell, Explorer advisor, who handed the citation to the Scout and the badge to the Scout's mother, who pinned it on her son's pocket flap.

That was the fourth Pro Deo et Patria Award given to a member of Grace Church, and the third within the past five months. Two other members of the troop hope to meet the requirements before the end of the year.

—D. W. Reiter

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Central Pennsylvania Rally

The third mid-winter rally of the Brotherhood of the Central Pennsylvania Synod was held in the Church of the Abiding Presence, Gettysburg, on January 27, with 300 laymen and pastors in attendance.

The Rev. Wallace E. Fischer, D.D., pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster, spoke on, "Love's Most Imaginative Quality — Forgiveness" Choral numbers were sung by th Adams County Lutheran Chorus 75 voices under the direction Robert Snyder.

The Brotherhood is planning t participate in the summer assembl at Gettysburg College during th week of July 7-13. Another proje under consideration is the holding a synod-wide banquet for Luthera laymen.

It is anticipated that a larg delegation from the synodica Brotherhood will attend the ULC Brotherhood convention in Pitt burgh, October 17-19.

—Claude R. Greiner

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Preparing for Cooperative Discussions
Members of the Lutheran Laymen's Move ment for Stewardship who were appointed a committee discussing greater cooperatio with the ULCA Brotherhood are, left to righ Dr. Erwin G. Baumer, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Rolan C. Matthies, Springfield, Ohio; Dr. Everett Mitchell, Wheaton, Ill.; Eugene Heckathor Orinda, Calif.; Howard Kontje, Plainfield, N.

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Synodical Brotherhoods

The Virginia Synod Brotherhoo held its 1957 meeting at Lynchburg Despite inclement weather, a larg number of men was present. Philip Stauffer of Manassas presided. Speak ers included the Rev. Frederic Eckert of Richmond, Dr. Verno

empke of Washington, Howard L. gan of New York and Dr. Roland tthias of Springfield, Ohio. The up raised approximately $2,500 home missions within the synod, d voted to continue this project for other year. Donald Kull of Knox-le, Tenn., was elected president.

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The Georgia - Alabama Synod otherhood met at Augusta, Georgia, their convention, March 1-2. Speakers were Dr. Charles E. Fritz, president of the synod, and Mr. Logan and Mr. Bodie.

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The Michigan Synod Brotherhood will meet at Detroit in late April. Dr. Clarence Stoughton, president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, will be the principal speaker.

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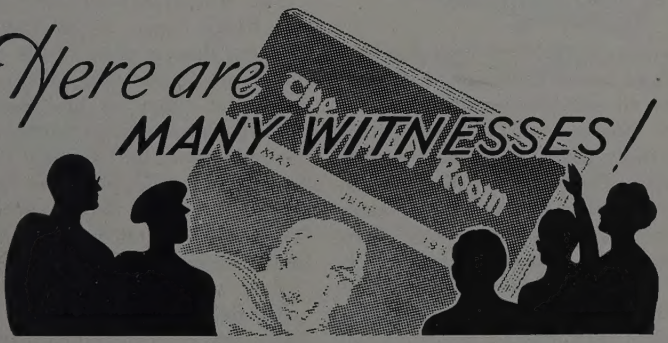
The Rocky Mountain Synod Brotherhood leaders arranged a meet-



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ing of Denver men to hear Executive Secretary Logan, who was in the area to address the pastors of the synod.

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The Maryland Synod Brotherhood sponsored a tour of the synod's institutions in and around Baltimore. The purpose was to acquaint Brotherhood leaders with the synod's institutions. Places visited included the Baltimore Motherhouse, synodical offices, Jewish Mission Headquarters, and the Baltimore branch of the United Lutheran Publication House.

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Leaders of the New York and New England Synod Brotherhood were literally all over the world during the early months of 1957. Earl Freese kept to domestic travel lanes, visiting Atlanta, Chicago and Minneapolis. Vice President Clarence Neun made a trip to Hungary for the U. S. Government. Dr. Hans Treuenfels, former synodical president and ULCA Brotherhood executive committee member, may turn up in any part of Europe and the Middle East. The synod's convention dates were a nounced as May 10-12.

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Conference Brotherhoods

The New York Conference met St. Peter's Manhattan, recently, w ULCA Brotherhood Secretary Euge H. Kelchner of Merchantville, N.J., the speaker. In the afternoon t King's Men filmstrip was sho Rudy Ridberg of Byram, Conn., the president.

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The Knoxville Conference met Oak Ridge, Tenn., for its first ra in more than a year. Slides of t Board of Higher Education on t subject of "Men for the Ministr were shown. Executive Secretary L gan addressed the meeting. Edw Sternberg is the president of t group. Recently elected synodi President Don Kull of Knoxville a George Eckard of Oak Ridge spo

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The Baltimore District of the Ma land Synod Brotherhood elect George Muth of St. John's, Parkvil

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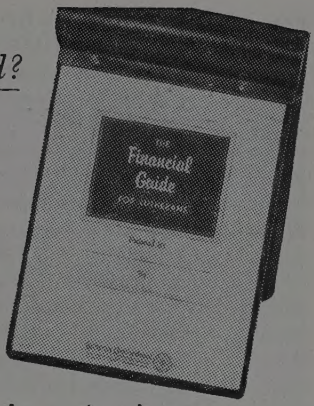

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president. Two new units within the conference area voted to affiliate with the Brotherhood—Second, and Jerusalem, both of Baltimore. Good news!

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The West Allegheny Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Synod Brotherhood met in late February at Sipesville. A real effort was made to obtain representation from the 90 churches in the conference. A packet of materials was distributed to each group represented. Mr. Logan addressed the men. Harold Shaffer presided. Judge Thomas Lansberry of Somerset County attended.

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The Rochester Conference of the New York and New England Synod held a meeting of congregational presidents and treasurers on April 1 at St. John's, Rochester. Walter Stolle of Redeemer Church was elected conference secretary. The spring rally will feature Dr. Edmund Steimle, radio preacher, as speaker.

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The Washington, D.C., District, of the Maryland Synod Brotherhood, with Bill Ward serving as president, invited all local presidents to a luncheon meeting. The purpose: to become better acquainted soon after their election, and to discuss the year's objectives. A good idea!

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Susquehanna Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Synod is planning two laymen's retreats for June at Cowen Center, with Dr. Dwight Putnam, president of the synod, as the leader.

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Congregational Brotherhoods

St. Paul's, Newark, Ohio, Men of the Church, bought a film projector for the congregation.

St. John's, East Riverdale, M
Stuart Moody, president, reports th
they have sponsored a 22-year-old d
placed person.

St. Paul's, Byram, Conn., B
Teter, president, reports the use
the sound filmstrip, "We Believe,"
one of their recent meetings. This
one of a series of catechetical studi
Their newsletter, "Club Chatter,"
very informative for their men.

Good Shepherd, Oak Park, Ill., r
ports that their men participated
a "work session" at the Chica
Salvage Center.

Holy Trinity, Berwick, Pa., prin
its program for the entire year. Top
leaders and the monthly refreshme
committees are listed. The Brothe
hood sponsors a mother-daught
banquet in May.

Men of St. Luke's, Silver Spring
Md., held a seminarians' night,
which a group of men from t
Gettysburg Seminary spoke on t
program at the seminary and wh
they chose the ministry. The need f
men in the ministry is great.

St. Luke's, Park Ridge, Ill., spo
sored a dinner meeting for the mer
groups in that area recently.

Advent, Philadelphia, observed
February the 47th anniversary
Scouting in their church. Girl Scou
attended as guests. An active Brothe
hood man, W. N. Weikel is scoutma
ter. More than 175 persons are i
volved in the program, including Gi
Scouts and their leaders.

St. Paul's, Newcomerstown, Ohi
Brotherhood assisted in the maj
renovation job recently in the
church.

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